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The petition filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

The amendment filed on Jul 6, 1998 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- entered.
- entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- disapproved. See explanation below.
- entered in part. See explanation below.


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